

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Advisory Action that issued on September 9, 2009. Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19, 36-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,250,054 (“the ‘540 patent”). Claims 20 and 22-24 have been found to be allowable, but stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim. Claims 25-33 have been withdrawn. Claims 15, 18, 21, 34-35 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 10 and 13 are amended herein. Exemplary support for these amendments may be found at paragraph [0161] of the published application (U.S. App. Pub. No. 2005/0131392).

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19, 36-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by the ‘540 patent. Applicants respectfully traverse the instant rejection.

It is submitted that the ‘540 patent does not anticipate any of claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19, 36-40. “A claim is anticipated only if each and every element set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference.” *See* MPEP § 2131; *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Without conceding to the Examiner’s rejection, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 10 to include “a handle having a first raised stop.” Dependent claims 4, 6, and 13 have also been amended to include the “first raised stop” limitation. The ‘540 patent does not disclose such a limitation and therefore cannot anticipate the currently pending claims under the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

From the foregoing, the Examiner’s rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19, 36-40 are believed to be overcome. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the

Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Objections

Applicants note, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 20 and 22-24 are allowable, but are objected to for their dependency on rejected base claims. In light of the current claim amendments, it is submitted that these claims no longer depend from any claims that are anticipated. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw these objections.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is respectfully requested.

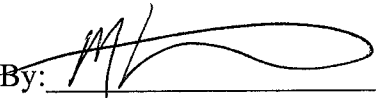
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (202) 373-6000 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4047.

Respectfully submitted,

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